

## Message Text

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ACTION NEA-09

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FM AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5507

INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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TAGS: PFOR, EWWT, IS

SUBJECT: PASSENGER SHIP CONNECTION BETWEEN BEIRUT AND HAIFA

REF: TEL AVIV 0747

1. JERUSALEM POST ARTICLE CITED REFTEL LISTED DIRECT  
AIR CONNECTIONS FOR THIRD COUNTRY AIRLINES AMONG ELEMENTS  
OF NON-BELLIGERENCY REPORTEDLY PUT FORWARD BY RABIN.  
ARTICLE THEN STATED "PASSENGER SHIPS HAVE ALREADY BEGUN  
SAILING DIRECTLY FROM BEIRUT TO HAIFA."

2. SHIPS IN QUESTION ARE OCCASIONAL CRUISE SHIPS BELONGING  
TO THREE LINES: HAPAG LLOYD (BREMEN), THE NORWEGIAN  
AMERICAN LINE (OSLO), AND LLOYD TRIESTINO S.P.A. DI  
NAVIGAZIONE (TRIESTE). SHIPS TRAVEL FROM BEIRUT TO HAIFA  
AND THEN TO CYPRUS OR GREECE, ONE-WAY ONLY.

3. WHEN SHIP ARRIVES AT HAIFA, ISRAELI NAVY CONDUCTS  
STANDARD SECURITY INSPECTION BEFORE ALLOWING VESSEL  
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TO ENTER PORT. ARAB PASSENGERS ON BOARD, IF ANY, ARE NOT

PERMITTED TO DISEMBARK. IT IS NOT BELIEVED THAT ANY ISRAELIS ARRIVE IN ISRAEL VIA THIS ROUTE. THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS COULD CONCEIVABLY USE THIS METHOD FOR DIRECT BEIRUT-HAIFA TRAVEL, BUT THIS IS UNLIKELY GIVEN PROHIBITIVE COST OF TICKET WHICH IS SOLD FOR COMPLETE CRUISE ONLY.

4. COMMENT: THIS PRACTICE IS BY NO MEANS NEW AND DEFINITELY PREDATES OCTOBER, 1973. IMPLICATION CONVEYED BY ARTICLE'S USE OF WORDS "ALREADY BEGUN" SHOULD BE READ IN THIS LIGHT.  
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